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Attorney's Docket No. PRKR-4600

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
( under 37 CFR 1.53(b) )

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:

**STACK CONDITIONING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USE IN BOOKBINDING**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date February 9, 2004, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number EV 322535425 US addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Transmittal Form (two copies required)
2. The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b):
  - i. 25 Pages of specification (including claims and abstract);
  - ii. 13 Sheet of drawings.  
☐ formal ☒ informal
3. Declaration or oath
  - a. ☒ Original – [UNSIGNED]
4. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix, see 37 CFR 1.96)
5. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

6. ☐ An assignment of the invention to is attached (including Form PTO-1595).
  - i. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
7. ☐ Power of Attorney
8. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of ☐ references.
9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Other - Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

12. FOREIGN PRIORITY

☐ Priority of application no. \_ filed on \_ in \_ is claimed under 35 USC 119.

13. FEE CALCULATION

a. ☐ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$770)
Total Claims	45 – 20	*25	x \$18.00	450
Independent Claims	8 – 3	*5	x \$86.00	430
_ Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			\$290.00	0

\*If less than zero, enter "0".

Filing Fee Calculation \$1,650.00

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14. Small Entity Status

- a. ☒ Small entity status is claimed.  
b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

15. Other Fees

☐ Recording Assignment [\$40.00] ..... \$  
☐ Other fees  
Specify ..... \$

Total Fees Enclosed..... \$0

16. Payment of Fees

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_ is enclosed.  
☐ Charge Account No. 50-1697 in the amount of \$\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

17. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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18. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 50-1697. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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